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# Changing

THE WORLD



mobility

OUR 700,000th  
WHEELCHAIR





## A MESSAGE FROM KEN BEHRING



Left to right: >>> Former President Fidel Valdez Ramos, Dr. John Wilhelmy, Ken Behring and General Esperon.

I was just in the Philippines with my dear friend and Wheelchair Foundation International Board of Advisors member, former President Fidel Valdez Ramos, and physician Dr. John Wilhelmy. We talked briefly about the challenges being faced in the Philippines with providing health care and good education to the population of more than 87 million Filipinos. President Ramos commented that the wheelchairs we were providing were an incredible gift of kindness and friendship, but that there was so much more that needed to be done to assist people in need. Not only in the Philippines, but around the world.

Recently, I launched Global Health and Education Foundation. This organization was established to build upon the tremendous success of the Wheelchair Foundation and, without altering the mission or operations of the Wheelchair Foundation, will identify, establish and oversee other divisions that will specialize in providing aid to international health and education related areas of need.

One of Global Health and Education Foundation's first projects is to provide low cost cataract surgery for tens of thousands of people in Asia who have impaired vision. And we will establish new initiatives to improve daily life for the men, women and children of the developing world.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Behring  
Founder & Chairman

# mission and goals

### Our Mission

The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, the Wheelchair Foundation delivers Hope, Mobility and Freedom.

### Our Goal

Over the next five years, the Wheelchair Foundation aims to deliver one million wheelchairs to people who cannot afford to buy one, and to further the awareness that a wheelchair is no longer an unaffordable relief option for delivery to developing countries around the world.

### Mobility

Since its establishment on June 13, 2000, the Wheelchair Foundation has witnessed hundreds of thousands of examples of how mobility creates independence and new possibilities for recipients and their families. A mobile child is able to attend school. A mobile adult is able to get a job and provide for their family, or care for the children at home so the spouse can work. An elderly person can rejoin society or family activities after years of staying in a bed. The joy and hope that a simple mobility device can deliver is what gives people a new outlook on life and hope for the future.



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# WHEELCHAIRS COMMITTED OR DELIVERED

Afghanistan	6,630	Lesotho	780
Albania	550	Liberia	780
Algeria	640	Lithuania	1,090
Angola	4,590	Macedonia	480
Antigua and Barbuda	280	Madagascar	1,030
Argentina	8,151	Malawi	2,760
Armenia	2,964	Malaysia	3,940
Australia	292	Mali	520
Azerbaijan	280	Malta	240
Bahamas	1,460	Marshall Islands	140
Bangladesh	240	Mexico	93,859
Barbados	560	Micronesia	1,390
Belarus	990	Moldova	1,720
Belgium	280		
Belize	2,520	Mongolia	1,320
Benin	280	Montenegro	120
Bolivia	4,624	Morocco	4,530
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1,480	Mozambique	1,660
Botswana	1,688	Myanmar (Burma)	500
Brazil	2,305	Namibia	466
Bulgaria	530	Nepal	3,065
Burundi	520	Nicaragua	5,665
Cambodia	3,200	Niger	240
Canada	560	Nigeria	1,310
Cape Verde	780	N. Mariana Islands	410
Central African Rep.	240	Oman	280
Chile	7,508	Pakistan	3,175
China	232,856	Palestinians/Israel	1,906
Colombia	8,825	Panama	6,221
Congo, The Democratic		Papua New Guinea	2,080
Republic of the	205	Paraguay	2,344
Costa Rica	6,455	Peru	7,651
Croatia	1,300	Philippines	7,520
Cuba	60,20	Poland	2,160
Cyprus	280	Portugal	810
Czech Republic	597	Puerto Rico	490
Dominica	280	Romania	3,252
Dominican Republic	8,458	Russia	2,110
Ecuador	6,919	Rwanda	2,200
Egypt	1,058	Saint Lucia	560
El Salvador	5,785	Saint Petersburg	120
Eritrea	250	Saint Vincent and the	
Estonia	500	Grenadines	280
Ethiopia	2,928	Samoa	1,360
Fiji	1,620	Senegal	520
France	560	Serbia	2,090
French Polynesia	280	Sierra Leone	2,230
Georgia	1,030	Somalia	88
Ghana	2,240	South Africa	13,580
Greece	520	Spain	500
Grenada	280	Sri Lanka	3,170
Guam	250	Sudan	280
Guatemala	7,863	Suriname	240
Guyana	250	Swaziland	1,860
Haiti	1,820	Syria	641
Honduras	6,024	Taiwan	756
Hong Kong	970	Tajikistan	480
Hungary	120	Tanzania	3,268
India	2,716	Thailand	7,270
Indonesia	3,380	Tibet	331
Iran	3,880	Tonga	500
Iraq	4,300	Trinidad & Tobago	2,444
Israel	7,450	Turkey	4,710
Italy	580	Turkmenistan	520
Jamaica	3,000	Uganda	4,304
Japan	1,750	Ukraine	4,850
Jordan	5,022	United States	29,714
Kazakhstan	1,510	Uruguay	1,632
Kenya	2,820	Uzbekistan	1,240
Kiribati	250	Vanuatu	250
Korea, North	552	Venezuela	1,580
Korea, South	5,380	Vietnam	13,056
Kosovo	1,300	Virgin Islands (UK)	284
Kyrgyzstan	1,240	Virgin Islands (US)	280
Laos	780	Western Sahara	153
Latvia	740	Zambia	2,060
Lebanon	2,430	Zimbabwe	2,050

TOTAL COUNTRIES AND REGIONS .....152

TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS .....700,000

For current totals visit [wheelchairfoundation.org](http://wheelchairfoundation.org).

# Newslines



Above left: >>> Members of Keiretsu Forum in China. Right >>>Ken Behring greets recipients at distribution of Keiretsu Forum sponsored wheelchairs.



## KEIRETSU FORUM TRAVELS TO SUPPORT WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION

The Keiretsu Forum Charitable Foundation was created by members of the Keiretsu Forum to encourage charitable giving among their members and friends. Over 95 deserving charities in our community and elsewhere around the world have benefited from their generous support. Members investigate charities, and then leverage their resources and talents to assist the selected non-profits. The Wheelchair Foundation is profoundly grateful to have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of their philanthropy and has received over \$250,000. Mr. Kenneth Behring is now a member of the Forum and has spoken at several of the organization's meetings. Fifteen Keiretsu members made substantial donations towards wheelchairs for China and traveled there to help with distributions.

## Texas Hold'Em Poker Charity Fundraising Event

On October 20, 2007, Keiretsu Forum and the Wheelchair Foundation held the 1st Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Charity Tournament in the Ballroom at the Behring Estate. Larry Winsten of the Keiretsu Forum conceived of the idea and organized and chaired the event. Over 80 players and their guests enjoyed the wonderful buffet prepared by Scott's Catering. Thompson Gaming supplied professional gaming tables and dealers who helped us raise over \$80,000 for the mission of the Wheelchair Foundation and also conducted a "training" session to get everyone off to a good start. It was especially fun to see both novices and seasoned poker players competing in the final round of the evening. Ten prizes were donated by Keiretsu Forum members.

The three top finalists were Joe Perkins, Randy Williams, and Barbara Glosser. We hope that you will join in the action next year!



Above: >>> Randy Williams, Founder and CEO of Keiretsu Forum, Larry Winsten, Event Chairman, Joe Perkins and his wife. Below >>> Players at the final table.





# Getting Involved

## FOR THIS GIRLSCOUT GIVING TO OTHERS IS GOLDEN!

"My name is Rachel Wolfson. I contacted the Wheelchair Foundation in December to see if they would be interested in working with me on my Girl Scout Gold Award project, which is the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve. We decided that my project of making 100 wheelchair totes was a perfect match for their charity. Besides making the totes, I'm also filling them with donations ranging from toys, stuffed animals, socks, hygiene items and much more; which I'm still collecting to fill more totes. What has started as an attempt at achieving my Girl Scout Gold Award has turned into an eye opening and rewarding experience. And I look forward to doing more with Wheelchair Foundation."

-Rachel Wolfson



## High School Students Prove Every Minute Counts



Isabella Europa, Co-President of Dublin High School Interact Club, and others organized a week-long 'Miracle Minute', where for one minute in all of the second period classes at Dublin High School, in Dublin, California, students could donate their spare change to the Wheelchair Foundation. "Our Interact motto this year is *Kids Helping Kids*. What better way to follow that motto than with this project?" By the end of the week, the club raised \$675, enough to sponsor nine wheelchairs for young people in need of mobility.

## Braman Family Foundation and Yad Sarah making good use of wheelchairs in Israel

Yad Sarah, a medical device provider in Israel, was able to provide 38,000 people with a much needed wheelchair at no cost through their loan program thanks to the Braman Family Foundation - Wheelchair Foundation partnership's generous 2007 support. "We have been able to inspect and repair each wheelchair between loans, permitting us to lend each chair to at least 35 different people."



## All I want for Christmas are wheelchairs

When Ed Boyce asked his wife Kirsten what she wanted for Christmas last fall, she came up with a marvelous idea: to sponsor a container of wheelchairs and to help distribute them. Kirsten was and is clear that more "stuff" is not needed, and that helping someone else is the best present one can receive.



In November 2007, the couple traveled to Ecuador, where they distributed wheelchairs in the north and south of the country. Kirsten and Ed graciously donated another container of wheelchairs for Ecuador. They will be distributed in 2008 by our great friend, Octavio Jarrin of the Rotary Club of La Puntilla, Guayaquil. Thank you, Kirsten and Ed!



## Support from Famous Winemakers

Gordon Holmes, the owner of Lookout Ridge Winery and an enthusiastic donor to the Wheelchair Foundation, has now enlisted the support of several very well-known winemakers.



Richard Arrowwood, Cathy Corison, Andy Erickson, Marco Digiulio, Greg La Follette and Aaron Pott have created a special portfolio of wines in conjunction with Lookout Ridge. These wines will be available this fall and 100% of the sales proceeds will be donated to the Wheelchair Foundation. Enjoy unique wines while helping to provide mobility to people throughout the world. Visit [www.wineforwheels.com](http://www.wineforwheels.com) for further information.

# Wheelchair Foundation in Great Britain and Ireland

Trustee Milton Frary and his wife Elaine celebrated their 40 years of marriage by taking a journey to an extremely poor area of Tanzania to work with GMTV television presenter Fiona Phillips on a live TV broadcast from the village of Geita.

GMTV made an approach to the Wheelchair Foundation UK to supply 20 wheelchairs to a school for disabled children in Tanzania. A recently built school for disabled had no provision to get the children with severe physical disabilities to school. Very short notice was given to fulfill an obligation of this nature as you will appreciate that normal deliveries are for 280 wheelchairs and can take many months to organize.



Geita is a gold mining town some 95 kilometres from the nearest large town of Mwanza with no Rotary Club, very poor quality accommodation, spasmodic water supply, and worse still, two and a half hours of red dusty dirt track. The gold mine provides no support to its workers

in the area. The mine also ignores the poor infrastructure as it has its own airfield for moving its management personnel and gold.

Negotiations then took place with CFT, a small NGO in Tanzania that the Wheelchair Foundation had already agreed to support but who had never themselves worked in the Mwanza, Geita area. Delivering wheelchairs to the Lake Victoria area and by calling upon as much local support from the Rotarians in Mwanza, a small club of just 15 members, it was possible to provide a full delivery of wheelchairs to that area.

Without Rotary support in Geita it was also necessary to find suitable secure storage. The owner of the local cotton gin came to our rescue - a man who is a 'Rotary Club' in his own right, providing funding and service whenever possible to a local school and hospital. He also arranged to transport the disabled people from the outlying areas to receive their wheelchairs.



Milton was able to arrange a twinning with the disabled school and the Quaker Mount School in York, that had Dame Judi Dench as one of their more famous pupils. They also provided some of the funding towards the wheelchairs.

If you were able to get out of bed on the 17th October you would have witnessed Milton promoting the work of Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland to over five million viewers for their support of the Wheelchair Foundation UK.

Michelle Porter, a producer with GMTV at the time of her earlier site visit, was confronted by a young man who had crawled two miles as he was under the belief that it was she who would be delivering wheelchairs at that time. He made the effort to return and was rewarded with his own set of wheels which the deputy Prime Minister of Tanzania referred to as the "disabled person's Rolls Royce."

If you would like to support this community or any other in Africa or Eastern Europe, please contact Milton Frary by e-mail: [FraryM@aol.com](mailto:FraryM@aol.com)



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND TRUSTEE MILTON FRARY AND GMTV REPORTER FINONA PHILLIPS DISCUSS THE NEED FOR WHEELCHAIRS DURING A LIVE BROADCAST FROM TANZANIA >>> A YOUNG MAN RECEIVES HIS FIRST WHEELCHAIR >>> RECIPIENT ARRIVING ON HANDS AND KNEES AFTER TWO MILE JOURNEY WITH THE HOPE OF RECEIVING A MUCH NEEDED WHEELCHAIR.





# A CHANGE COMES FROM WITHIN MEXICO



Rotarians in Mexico have been actively involved as distribution partners since the early days of the Wheelchair Foundation. It is estimated that three percent of the population of a developing country need wheelchairs and, with Mexico's population of over 100 million, the demand for wheelchairs there may be as high as three million.

Mexico has several advantages over other countries as a wheelchair distribution destination. To travel there is easy and, despite the poverty, it is also a large world economy with a vibrant Rotary community. Mexican Rotarians became active right from the start, and while they often could not raise funds for an entire container, they would sponsor half of one.



If they did not already have their own international connections, we would find them partners in the United States or in Canada. Invaluable partnerships emerged – to help those in need and to form strong connections with new friends – as Rotarians and Knights of Columbus from the US and Canada stepped up and embraced the funding challenge.

In the last four years, at least 50 wheelchair containers were co-sponsored by Mexican Rotarians! In addition, over 35 containers to Mexico were part of Rotary International Matching Grants involving funding from Rotarians in Mexico, the US and the Rotary Foundation. While co-sponsorships take more time because the process includes connecting various partners, it is a marvelous experience that creates lasting relationships.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: VERY HAPPY YOUNG WHEELCHAIR RECIPIENT >>> RC VILLAHERMOSA, MX AND RC PLEASANTON NORTH, USA, AND SAAMIS RC OF MEDICINE HAT, CANADA >>> RC TEXCOCO PAST PRESIDENT ENRIQUE ACEVEDO AND PRESIDENT DANTE MONTSALVO CELEBRATE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIRS TO MEXICANS IN NEED.

The Wheelchair Foundation wishes to recognize and applaud all Mexican Rotary Clubs and Districts that have created partnerships and distributed wheelchairs in their regions! Some of the most active Rotary Clubs and Rotarians that have co-sponsored wheelchair containers with other Rotary Clubs or with the Knights of Columbus in a one-on-one partnership are operating in the following cities: Hermosillo (Sonora), Monterrey (Nuevo Leon), Ciudad Victoria (Tamaulipas), Leon (Guanajuato), Mexico City (Distrito Federal), Texcoco (Estado de Mexico), Puebla (Puebla), Villahermosa (Tabasco), and Guadalajara (Jalisco). A big "Muchas Gracias!" to these wonderful world citizens for not waiting for change - but creating change and giving hope to recipients and their families!

We expect that active co-sponsorships of wheelchairs will continue to be strong in the coming years, and encourage you to check our website\* for possible partnerships or contact:

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E-mail: [ebrook@wheelchairfoundation.org](mailto:ebrook@wheelchairfoundation.org)

Thanks to everyone who has helped to make the USA-Canada-Mexico partnership program a huge success!

[\\*www.wheelchairfoundation.org/sponsors/group/grouplist.php](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/sponsors/group/grouplist.php)

# CARLOS SLIM AND KENNETH BEHRING FORM A PARTNERSHIP

## *15,000 wheelchairs throughout Mexico in 2008*

In 2006 the Wheelchair Foundation completed its largest project in Mexico: 20,000 wheelchairs sponsored by Ken Behring and his long-time friend Ken Hofmann – two men who think and act on a grand scale. While the donation was given without conditions, it was hoped that Mexico's entrepreneurs and philanthropists would take the challenge to support future wheelchair projects in the country where the demand for wheelchairs is approximately three million.

The turmoil that followed the Mexican presidential elections of 2006 kept the focus on politics for a while, but in 2007 Telmex Foundation, founded by Carlos Slim, stepped forward to propose a joint project as the first step in a long-term partnership to provide mobility for all Mexicans who need wheelchairs.

Ken Behring has always loved partnerships and knows that joint action is the best way to accomplish big challenges. For many years, the Wheelchair Foundation has had a strong partnership with the Chinese Disabled Person's Federation, an agency that co-sponsors wheelchairs for Chinese citizens. This relationship is a model that Ken Behring envisions for other countries and one that is now well under way in Mexico.

Telmex Foundation is committed, and so are Ken Behring and the Wheelchair Foundation!



WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD KENNETH E. BEHRING (LEFT) AND TELMEX CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD CARLOS SLIM.

“We hope that the 2008 campaign that will distribute 15,000 wheelchairs in Mexico is the first step towards many years of a partnership that focuses on bringing independence, hope and joy to those who need a wheelchair but have no other hope of receiving one.”

*-Kenneth E. Behring and Carlos Slim*





# Season highlights



Clockwise from top left: Rotarians from University Hills, Colorado deliver wheelchairs >>> 19 year old Liliana is so happy to have her new wheelchair >>> Rotarians from Campbell River, Canada with recipient in Arequipa, Peru>>> A young man arrives alone on hands and knees at the very end of the wheelchair distribution...>>>Rotarians from Campbell River, Canada were thrilled to give him a wheelchair, and he felt blessed, Arequipa, Peru >>>Wheelchair Foundation CFO Earl Callison presents A&I Industries Ltd. President Mr.An I Huang with an award for Outstanding Service and Partnership with Drive Medical Design & Manufacturing President Harvey Diamond >>>San Jose and Oakland, California Fire Fighters deliver a wheelchair to a gentleman in Nicaragua >>>Wheelchair Foundation President David Behring with recipient in Mexico >>>Long time supporter Val Nunes shares a Beanie Baby with a young recipient in the Philippines.



## DOLE FOOD COMPANY PARTNERS WITH WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION IN RURAL PHILIPPINE PROVINCES



**D**olefil, a division of Dole Food Company in the Philippines, has partnered with the Wheelchair Foundation in committing to providing 280 wheelchairs to local community members. The beneficiaries of this program are from rural villages in the Philippine provinces of South Cotabato and Sarangani. Dolefil worked with municipal health officers and community social workers to identify those in need, and recently held a ceremony for beneficiaries and their families to distribute the wheelchairs. The Wheelchair Donation Program is one of Dole's numerous community response programs in the Philippines, where the company has existed for almost 45 years.

"The physically disabled beneficiaries of Dolefil's Wheelchair Donation Program now have a greater opportunity to live and work in their communities," said David DeLorenzo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Dole Food Company. Kevin Davis, Dolefil Managing Director, adds, "This latest wheelchair program is just one of many Dolefil is carrying out to help members of the community achieve a better way of life. By the end of this program, we hope to bring mobility, freedom and happiness to 280 beneficiaries and their families."

## PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES GET WHEELCHAIRS

"The handover at Camp Aguinaldo on Wednesday 23 Jan 08 was an extraordinary event and people were brought from all over the Philippines to participate and get their wheelchairs. Some came from Ilocos Norte at the top end of the country and others from Basilan which is way down South and Abu Sayef territory.

"Thanks to Kenneth Behring and you guys at the Wheelchair Foundation, thanks to Sir Ed Artis and thanks to General Esperon for putting on such a magnificent event and allowing me to be a part of it. So many people made that a day to remember.

"It was, however, the disabled recipients who stole the show. Kenneth Behring and the rest of us do it for the joy of giving.

## MIKE AND ARTHUR



**A**s I looked into the eyes of each and every person at the Dole Philippine distribution, I was truly touched by the smile on one man's face; Arthur Pelayo. His brave challenge made him as tall as anyone else in the room! What a smile! I wanted to talk with this man and my life changed when I did. Sitting next to him and shaking his hand made us both feel six feet tall and equally grateful that our lives had crossed paths.

Later that night, his father and I were seen on the national news. We were both 'overwhelmed' with good feelings we had created without even speaking a word. Both Arthur and his dad are now engraved in my soul!



-Mike Richter, Scottsdale, AZ

"But, we have to get it in many small doses over the years compared to the joy of those recipients who really get a massive blast in one big hit. The joy on their faces makes it a truly special event and something that changes their lives in an instant. Thank you all for the privilege of letting me be a part of your wonderful event and being able to help in putting joy into the lives of others."

-Joe Poole - Blunden - Australia



Above left to right: General Esperon, Fidel Ramos, Ken Behring, Dr. John Wilhemy.



## WHEELCHAIR PRICING UPDATE

Every donation of \$75 helps provide mobility to a person in need. We recognize this significant support with a certificate of appreciation and a representative photo of a wheelchair recipient. A gift certificate for a copy of Founder Kenneth Behring's book "Road to Purpose" is included in our recognition package.

We profoundly appreciate all of your fabulous support during the seven years of our operation. It is very heartwarming to witness the overwhelming generosity of donors and to understand how significantly their gifts impact the lives of the recipients.

The entire cost of worldwide distribution of a wheelchair from start to finish is \$150. If you, your organization, or your corporation would like to sponsor a full container of wheelchairs to a specific country, you have the choice of two container sizes. Regardless of the size, all shipments include spare parts; custom logo embroidery; and Wheelchair Foundation's legendary commitment to provide hope, freedom and mobility to individuals in need and without access to wheelchairs.

**Effective February 1, 2008, we have simplified the pricing structure for container deliveries:**

**Sponsor 110 Standard Manual Wheelchairs or 100 All Terrain Wheelchairs      \$16,500\***

**Sponsor 280 Standard Manual Wheelchairs or 260 All Terrain Wheelchairs      \$42,000\***

\*For a list of countries where Wheelchair Foundation currently distributes wheelchairs, please visit our website at [www.wheelchairfoundation.org](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org) or contact our Operations staff at 925-736-2340.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 12, 2008**

***GIFT OF MOBILITY***

CAL POLY WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION  
CHAPTER, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

**APRIL 19, 2008**

***MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL***

WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION / INTERNATIONAL ORPHAN RELIEF FOUNDATION BENEFIT  
BLACKHAWK MUSEUM, DANVILLE, CA

**MAY 3, 2008**

***KENTUCKY DERBY WEST***

PLEASANTON, CA

**MAY 10, 2008**

***FOOD AND WINE FROM AROUND THE WORLD***

DIABLO VALLEY YOUNG EXECUTIVES  
WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION GALLERY  
BLACKHAWK MUSEUM, DANVILLE, CA

**MAY 12 - 22, 2008**

***WHEELCHAIR DONOR TRIP TO CHINA***





Not one to shy away from a little dust and dirt, nor unaccustomed to the occasional long trip in the back of a minivan to go visit a new wheelchair recipient, Patricia Behring, the wife of Wheelchair Foundation Founder Kenneth E. Behring, or “Mrs. B” as she is affectionately referred to among those who know her, is the epitome of motherly grace. Today, as she steps out into the warm streets outside Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, she is excited and as chipper and bright as ever, because she gets to donate (in person) the Wheelchair Foundation’s 700,000th wheelchair to a gentleman in need of mobility.

She finds him waiting for her in a small dirt courtyard in front of his home. She and the team of traveling volunteers with her greet him and present him with his brand new shiny red wheelchair. They make sure that he is comfortable and that he understands how everything on the wheelchair works. His family then gathers, everyone shakes hands and exchanges happy hugs. The gift of a single wheelchair has a ripple effect through the recipient, to the family, and the whole community, because he is returned to them as a viable member. Many smiles and congratulations later, “Mrs. B” and the team are off to deliver wheelchair number 700,001.

“We have changed so many lives, not only the lives of those receiving wheelchairs, but the lives of our friends and family who have traveled with us to distribute wheelchairs. Many of whom have never had the opportunity to give back, or shake the hands of people who are the grateful recipients of our wheelchairs. And, as my husband Ken says, ‘All we ask for in return is a smile,’ and I second that!

“Ever since my first wheelchair distribution, with the people of the Crow Indian Nation in Montana, I have known this was to be a profound cultural education and an awakening as to the plight of our sisters and brothers worldwide. For all of us who have had the privilege to be part of the mission of Wheelchair Foundation, our experiences have been blessings.

“I once delivered a single wheelchair to a home in the middle of the Congo. Our team was led up a dirt path in the bush by a group of happy, energetic kids, like pied pipers leading us to a sweet shy little girl, sitting in the dirt, waiting for her wheelchair.

“Contrast that one wheelchair with a distribution for 2,000 recipients all wearing red hats in China. Suddenly you are staring at 2,000 smiling faces in red hats staring back at you!

“Traveling the world several times a year on behalf of Wheelchair Foundation, with people who are new to me, as well as my family and friends, has been an experience I wouldn’t trade for anything! It has allowed me to introduce my children and grandchildren to the act of ‘giving back’.

“Because Wheelchair Foundation is a sponsor driven organization, we are so delighted that we are able to say we have delivered our 700,000th wheelchair, and we are well on our way to our first one million wheelchairs delivered. We could not have done it without our wonderful supporters. Thank you!”

FROM TOP LEFT: MRS. BEHRING PRESENTS THE 700,000TH WHEELCHAIR IN CABO SAN LUCAS, MX >>> PAT AND KEN GREETING WHEELCHAIR RECIPIENTS IN CHINA >>> KEN, NELSON MANDELA, AND PAT BEHRING IN SANTON, SOUTH AFRICA.





# SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED



Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism are the founding principles of the Knights of Columbus. For more than 125 years, this Catholic men's fraternal organization has touched lives around the world with their charitable efforts to improve the quality of life for people in all corners of the earth, and worked diligently here at home to make life better in our own communities, for our service men and women, and our Veterans.

Since 2003, the Knights have sponsored the delivery of more than 12,000 wheelchairs worldwide to people in desperate need of mobility. During this past Veteran's Day weekend, the Knights sponsored the delivery of 2,000 brand new wheelchairs, valued at \$1,000,000 to be distributed to Veterans in Los Angeles, Dallas, Chicago and Washington, DC.



After World War I, the Knights ran a series of night schools for returning Veterans to help them re-enter the job market.



In the months leading up to American entry into World War II, the Knights were the first national organization to conduct blood drives, an activity the K of C continued throughout the war.

Additionally, many local K of C councils opened their doors to servicemen. Manila Council 1000 ran a center modeled on the army hut program in the Philippines before and after the Japanese occupation. The Knights also served as one of the organizations of the USO (United Service Organizations).

Clockwise from top: Representatives of the Paralyzed Veterans of America present our nation's colors in Bonham, TX >>>A balloon flag welcomed Veterans and guests at the VA facility in Washington, DC >>>Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson addresses the Veterans and dignitaries at the VA facility in Washington, DC .





During the wheelchair distributions hosted by VA facilities in the four cities on Veteran's Day weekend, dozens of Fourth Degree Knights served as honor guards to our nation's colors and our Veteran heroes. K of C Supreme officers and directors represented Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson in Los Angeles, Bonham, TX (near Dallas), and Hines, IL (near Chicago). Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie, speaking on behalf of Supreme Knight Anderson in Hines, IL, cited Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, saying that "government cannot do everything, and there will always be a need for individual voluntary contributions that spring from 'loving personal concern'."

Boy Scouts helped Veterans get their new wheelchairs in several cities. Active duty service personnel were present and West Point cadets helped Veterans in Washington, DC. It was a festive time for people across America who appreciate our Veterans and enjoy making their lives a bit easier.

The Wheelchair Foundation is grateful to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Knights across America who have come together to do so much for our Veteran heroes in need of mobility.

From top: Fourth Degree Knights take Veterans for a spin in their new wheelchairs >>>(right) PVA members fire a 21 gun salute to our nation's Veterans >>> (left) The Knights are teaching the Boy Scouts to honor those who have served our country >>> Supreme officers and directors joined State Deputy Phil Barone and 76 Fourth Degree Knights from across Illinois at the wheelchair distribution ceremony.

*"GOVERNMENT CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A NEED FOR INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS THAT SPRING FROM 'LOVING PERSONAL CONCERN'."*



## CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL AND WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION

TRANSFORMING PEOPLE FROM  
POSSIBILITY THINKERS TO POSSIBILITY  
DOERS!

Since the mid-1990s, Drs. Robert H. and Robert A. Schuller have been building “spiritual bridges” to the people of the Chinese mainland by focusing on diplomatic relations and relationship building with the Chinese government and potential China-project partners. They will be working in cooperation with a handful of these partners inside China to jointly meet their spiritual needs as we cooperate to meet their physical needs. One million dollars has been pledged in an array of areas that have been designed to transform the ministry’s positive message.

**Initiative 1 - *Wheels of Possibilities*** Crystal Cathedral will partner with Ken Behring and the Wheelchair Foundation, in cooperation with the China Disabled Persons Federation, to provide nearly 8,000 wheelchairs to persons in China (approximately 80 million people in China are in need). Crystal Cathedral will turn the spotlight on each person with a heart full of dreams in a broken body – sitting in a “possibilities” wheelchair that we hope will become a chairlift to his or her God-inspired dreams.

Please watch Wheelchair Foundation Founder Kenneth E. Behring on ***Hour of Power*** on Saturday night April 5th and Sunday morning April 6th as Crystal Cathedral launches its month-long China initiative. Learn more about the efforts of Wheelchair Foundation and Crystal Cathedral and the six other project initiatives being undertaken by Crystal Cathedral to provide opportunities to the people of China.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - TRINITY BROADCAST NETWORK**  
6:00 PM PACIFIC / 8:00 PM CENTRAL / 9:00 PM EASTERN  
SEEN ON NEARLY 100 STATIONS

**ALSO SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - LIFETIME CABLE NETWORK**  
***Hour of Power***  
8:00 AM EASTERN/PACIFIC 7:00 AM CENTRAL

**CHECK YOUR LOCAL LISTINGS FOR VIEWING TIMES IN YOUR AREA.**

## CURRENT STANDINGS

Wheelchair Foundation



A donor referral program that provides the gift of hope and mobility to people in need around the world and offers the opportunity to volunteer on a wheelchair distribution trip.

## GUARDIAN ANGELS QUALIFIED FOR OUR DISTRIBUTION TRIP!

Gordon H. Minoo M. Ashley B.

## TOP 5 WHEELCHAIR ANGEL MEMBERS

Gordon H. with 110 referrals  
Ashley B. with 56 referrals  
Minoo M. with 50 referrals  
Diego V. with 40 referrals  
Glen M. with 27 referrals

## GOLDEN WHEELCHAIR ANGELS

Bob B. Austin W.  
Kevin G. Glen M.  
Diego V. Sandra S.  
Ron M. John R.

## OFFICIAL ANGELS

Val N. Michael M.  
Abide D. Charles P.  
Joann T. Marilyn S.  
Patricia B. Jill V.  
Debbie C. Vern H.  
Stephen W. Mary Ann V.  
Wayne L.

## ANGELS OF THE MONTH

Sept 2007	Ashley B.	56 referrals
Oct 2007	John R.	7 referrals
Nov 2007	Gordon H.	61 referrals
Dec 2007	Minoo M.	21 referrals
Jan 2008	Austin W.	19 referrals
Feb 2008	Gordon H.	48 referrals



## THE WORLDWIDE NEED FOR WHEELCHAIRS

People require the use of a wheelchair for many reasons: accidents, birth defects, war injuries, debilitating diseases and advanced age, just to name a few...

- One of the most horrific causes of disability worldwide can be attributed to landmines or unexploded ordinance (UXO). According to the World Health Organization (WHO), every year more than 29,000 people are injured by landmines or UXO around the world. This number does not include unreported cases or those who are killed by the explosions.
- An estimated 100-150 million people worldwide with physical disabilities need wheelchairs, though less than one percent own or have access to one. The number of physically disabled is likely underestimated, due to the difficulty in accounting for "forgotten" citizens who spend their lives hidden from sight.
- It is estimated that the number of people who need wheelchairs will increase by 22 percent over the next 10 years, with the greatest need existing in developing countries.
- In developing countries, only a small percentage of those who need wheelchairs have them, forcing dependence upon family and friends to get around. For others, the only way to get around is to crawl, or lie in a bed or corner of a room for years at a time.

### HOW THE WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION IS ADDRESSING THE NEED

- We purchase wheelchairs in bulk, sometimes up to 10,000 wheelchairs a month, of a design that's the best possible solution for use in developing countries. They are shipped in a 100 to 280-wheelchair sea container and provided free of charge to those most in need. If purchased on its own, this wheelchair would normally cost up to \$500 in the US and can sell for up to \$1,500 US in some developing countries.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Your donation of \$75 or \$150 will help sponsor, ship and deliver a wheelchair to someone in need. If you are interested in a specific country and/or wish to participate on a distribution trip, consider sponsoring an entire container of 100 to 280 wheelchairs. For those details, please contact our Operations Staff at (925) 791-2340.
- Get the word out! Tell everyone you know that you are now a part of an ambitious relief mission that's already delivered over 700,000 wheelchairs to 152 countries in just seven years!
- Have a fund-raiser! A dinner or cocktail party in your home can serve as a venue to tell people about helping others. Local businesses, organizations and schools can all help. We can supply materials to you to help us change the world.
- Corporate Sponsorship: Help us find corporations that have interests in countries that need our help. We can target their sponsorship to specific countries and needs, and can provide custom logo embroidery on the wheelchairs to identify the sponsor of an entire wheelchair container. They will be heroes, and many people will be given a new lease on life.

**For further information, please visit our website [www.wheelchairfoundation.org](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org) or call toll free (877) 378-3839. Our Federal Tax ID # 94-3353881**

## Your Will To Help

Creating a will is an expression of love for those you leave behind – family, friends, and charities whose work you support. No other planned gift is as simple to implement and as easy to change. You maintain the use, benefit, enjoyment, and control of your assets for as long as you need them. Making these plans means the services and programs of the Wheelchair Foundation that you have supported will continue to touch the lives of thousands of people for years to come.

In a well-planned will, the cost of a bequest to our future can be surprisingly modest. Your bequest can be of a stated dollar amount or a specific property. Some of our benefactors prefer to bequeath a certain percentage of the "residue" (the amount that remains after paying all inheritances, debts and costs). There are special arrangements by which your bequest can provide financial benefits to your family and later be used to benefit the mission of the Wheelchair Foundation.

### How a Bequest Works:

- Your will or trust directs assets to your heirs.
- Your will or trust directs a bequest to the Wheelchair Foundation for the purpose(s) you specify.

### Benefits of a Bequest:

- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
- You can modify your bequest if your circumstances change.
- You can direct your bequest to a particular purpose.
- There is no upper limit on the estate tax deductions for charitable bequests.
- You can have the satisfaction now of knowing that your bequest will continue to support the worldwide humanitarian work of the Wheelchair Foundation.

### A Bequest is For You If:

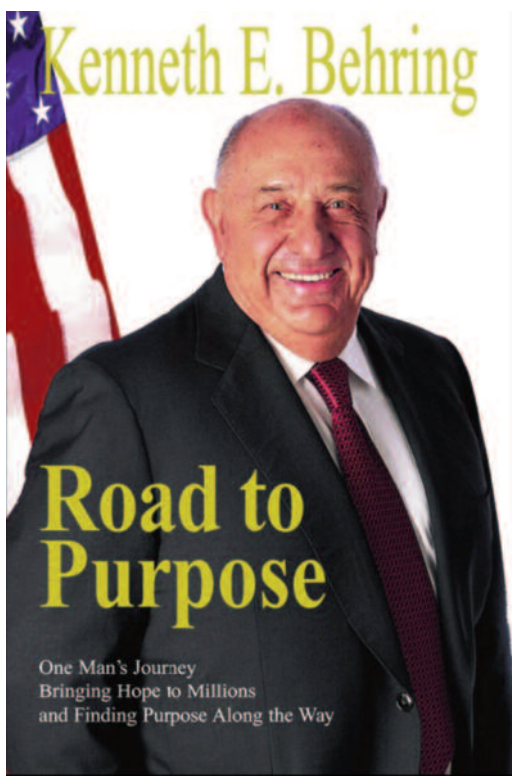
- You want to help ensure future viability and strength of the Wheelchair Foundation.
- Long-term planning is more important to you than an immediate income-tax deduction.
- You want the flexibility of a gift commitment that doesn't affect your current cash flow.

### A Bequest is Easy, Versatile, Revocable, and Tax-Wise.

Join the donors who have made the thoughtful decision to support the Wheelchair Foundation through their estate plans. For these gifts we are profoundly grateful.

A variety of planned giving options can provide financial advantages for you now and in the future! Please consult your financial or tax advisor. For additional information on including a charitable gift to the Wheelchair Foundation, please contact Lee Winter at 925.648.3824 or [lwinter@wheelchairfoundation.org](mailto:lwinter@wheelchairfoundation.org).

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*Road to Purpose*  
an account of his personal journey that  
led to the creation of the Wheelchair  
Foundation,  
and the stories of  
people we have touched.

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